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—Dr. H. R. Ford

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## CENTRAL PLANNING COMMITTEE HOLDS FIRST REGULAR MEETING, 15 PRESENT

The Central Planning Committee of Northfield held its first regular meeting at the town hall on Wednesday night, with vice-chairman Albert L. Rice presiding in the absence of Dr. John W. Bennett.

Reports were heard from the secretary-treasurer, as well as from committee heads, Harold McLean reporting for James C. Gillespie on the "War Memorial Committee", Miss Elsie S. Scott reporting for the Anniversary Celebration committee and Ted Powell for the Swimming Pool committee.

In the process of his report McLean brought to the attention of the group the problem of "regional consolidation". A brief discussion followed.

Miss Scott reported that the

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 28, Vernon Men's Club Supper and Dance.  
Community Club No. 4 Dance.  
January 29, "January Varieties" sponsored by the P.T.A. Town Hall, 8 p. m.  
V. F. W. Radio Broadcast 4:45 p. m. WHAI.  
February 1, Legion Auxiliary Baked Ham Supper and rummage sale. Town Hall, 6 to 7 p. m.  
February 2, V. F. W. meeting, 8 p. m. Schoolhouse.  
February 3, WSO meeting, Alexander Hall, 8 p. m.  
February 4, 4-H Club meeting. Guests.  
February 4, Fortnightly meeting, Alexander Hall, 3 p. m. Dr. McClurkin, speaker.  
February 5, VFW Northfield Post 9874, Broadcast 4:45 WHAI.  
February 7, TOWN MEETING.  
February 8, Basketball Game, "Old Timers", Town Hall.  
February 9, 4-H Club broadcast, WHAI 6:35 a. m.  
February 10, Public Supper, Congregational Church vestry.  
Afternoon Alliance meeting, 2:30.  
Evening Alliance meeting, 8 p. m.  
February 13, 20:45 Club meeting, Dr. Oscar Elwell, speaker.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to express our thanks to all our relatives, neighbors and friends, V. F. W., American Legion, W. S. O. and Fisk Paper Mill for their many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy during the sudden death of our son and brother, and for the many beautiful flowers. We want to thank in a very special way Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Commander John W. Bennett, Commander Ted Powell and Mr. Kidder.

Hattie I. Holloway  
Mrs. Grace Holloway  
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hall  
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Royce  
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wright  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holloway  
Mr. and Mrs. Windom Holloway  
Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Holloway  
Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Holloway  
Alvin Holloway  
Norma and Norman Holloway  
Marvin Holloway

### PUBLIC NOTICE, NORTHFIELD SCHOOL BUS BIDS

The School Committee of the Town of Northfield will receive bids for the transportation of public school pupils to the Center School and High School on the Gulf road Route from the Center School to the Erving line and return. Complete specifications, routes, and pupil numbers can be obtained at the office of the Superintendent of Schools. Requirements for carrying pupils must conform with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relating to motor vehicles and transportation of school pupils.

All bids must be in the office of the Superintendent of Schools in Northfield by 12 noon February 2, 1949. The Northfield School Committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

SIDNEY GIVEN  
IRVING LAWRENCE  
MARION BILLINGS  
Northfield School Committee.

## WCTU Meets For Monthly Meeting

The Women's Christian Temperance Union met for their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle. There were 20 present. The president, Mrs. N. Fay Smith, called the meeting to order for a short business session. Various reports were read and accepted, followed by a short discussion. Rev. Helen Bassett led the devotions.

Rev. Lester White, Alumni Secretary at Mount Hermon School, spoke on the subject "Liquor Problems in the GI Camps." Mr. White explained that maintenance of discipline in an Army camp rested primarily on the camp commander's shoulders, with some of the responsibility delegated to his medical staff, chaplains, and the Military Police. The problem was often accentuated by the divergent backgrounds of the soldiers, however with the cooperation of all concerned the problem was usually minimized if not erased completely.

Mrs. Dana Leavis and Mrs. Francis Walker helped serve refreshments.

During the meeting Mrs. Lazelle quoted from the Union Signal, Jan. 15, "The Americans are spending an average of \$1,100,456.62 per hour for alcoholic beverages the year around, according to an analysis of Federal Expenditure Reports — this would finance the building of 110 acutely needed homes, costing 10,000 dollars each, every hour of the day or night. Which do the people want. Homes or Drink?"

### Town Topics

Theodore Wright, grandson of Dr. Edward Fairbank, will be graduated Feb. 3 from Princeton University. Mrs. Horace Wright will attend the graduation.

Mary Lighthill, fiancée of William Compton was a guest at Mt. Hermon recently. Mrs. Carl Compton and Esther are expected to arrive in this country in July.

Clyde Mattern, confined to the Cushing General Hospital in Framingham is recovering from a serious eye operation.

## Northfield Veteran Buried With Honors

Hubert A. Holloway, 28, Northfield veteran, killed when his car crashed into a tree in Vernon, Vt., early Friday, Jan. 21, was buried with full military honors in the family plot at Winchester, N. H. Funeral services were held at the Congregational Church, with the Northfield Post, 9874 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars furnishing color guard, firing squad and pallbearers.

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Commander John W. Bennett of the Northfield Post and Edward P. Hurley also of the Northfield Post officiated in ceremonies at the church. Senior Vice-Commander Robert Gingsas, Adjutant Mott P. Gubse and Officer of the Day, Donald Lilly, all of the Northfield Post of the VFW also assisted in the church ceremonies.

Many relatives, friends, neighbors and comrades made up the long procession to the Barber district south parish cemetery in Winchester, N. H. Commander Ted Powell, and a number of members, from the Haven H. Spencer Post were present.

The body was interred in the snowy ground with a ringing volley by the firing squad and the playing of taps. The American flag used during the ceremony was presented to the mother, Mrs. James Holloway, by Commander Bennett.

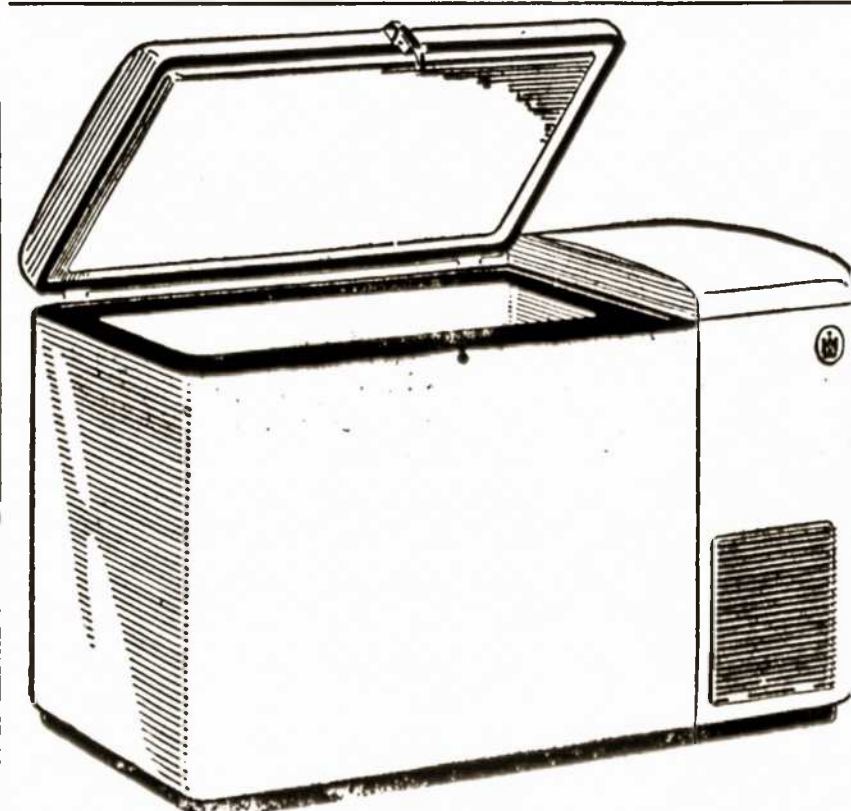
Holloway, a charter member of the Northfield post of the V. F. W., was found early Friday morning in his completely demolished car, the victim of instant death, when his car failed to negotiate a curve and wrapped itself around a tree near the Guy R. Severance place in Vernon, Vt.

Holloway was born Nov. 25, 1920 and attended schools in Northfield. He has worked for the Ashuelot Paper Co., GTD, and at the time of his death was employed by the Hinsdale Paper Co. He entered the service in 1942, served overseas and was discharged in January, 1946.

He was married in 1941, to Grace Hastings of Guilford. He had resided with his mother since 1946.

He leaves besides his widow and mother, four sisters, Mrs. Gilbert Hall of Greenfield; Mrs. Earl Royce of the Barber district of Northfield; Mrs. Mark Wright of Northfield, and seven brothers, Harry Holloway of Main street in East Northfield, Windom of Main street, in Northfield, Darwin of Fitchburg, Shirley of Northfield Farms, Alvin at home and Norman and Norma, twins, at home, and Marvin also at home.

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## Seven Year Old Boy Hit of C-K-C Match

A number of local dog fanciers attended the Cheshire Kennel Club "Sanction Match" in Keene, N. H., Sunday, and brought home a flock of ribbons.

Joe Brown's St. Bernard "Rusty" won first in her class; "Buttons" a cocker spaniel, won a first in her class. The dog owned by H. Keith Jacobus, was handled by Richard Watts, aged 7, son of Mrs. Gordon Watts. In the show, and drew high praise from show officials for his work. Master Watts also took home several prizes in the "Children's Handling Class," including a Scout knife and a box of chocolates.

Ernest N. Kirmann's cocker female, "Misty", took the ribbon home for a first in her class on novice females, and also had a reserve win in the open class.

Dr. Grace Wilder of the School for Girls, entered two English Springer Spaniels, with both dogs taking a first in their classes. "Bang", a male, took first prize and also a ribbon for Best of Breeds, while the female took first in her class.

A number of local people were instrumental in organizing the Cheshire Kennel Club, and are now active in its affairs.

### FORTNIGHTLY MEETING

The next Fortnightly meeting will be held in Alexander Hall, Feb. 4 at 3 p. m. "Your Mind Under Hypnosis" will be the subject of a talk by Dr. Paul T. McClurkin.

Hostesses will be Mrs. William Marshall, Mrs. Edward M. Powell, Mrs. J. Austin Daly and Miss Leah Hennion.

## WEATHER STATION REPORT

Temperatures reported from the weather station on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls:

Date	Max	Min
January 19	48	28
January 20	47	30
January 21	36	14
January 22	28	14
January 23	52	18
January 24	37	24
January 25	42	28
January 26	30	21

### ON THE AIR



The Northfield Post 9874, V. F. W., will be on the air at the regular time this Saturday, 4:45 over station WHAI, with another in the series of Speak Up For Democracy broadcasts.

Unto Hantunen will be the speaker.

## IMMEDIATE ACTION PROMISED TO VETS DELEGATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Dr. John W. Bennett, Commander of the V. F. W. Post No. 9874 in Northfield; A. Lyle Coleman, Commander of the Franklin County V.F.W.; and Edward W. Pleasant, Commander of the American Legion Post No. 178 in Turners Falls, met with his Excellency the Governor, Paul A. Dever, in the latter's offices in the State House, Boston, last Tuesday, and were courteously received.

In the ensuing conversation the Governor showed that he was fully conversant with the problems facing the veterans of western Massachusetts. The Governor pointed out that being a veteran himself he was most anxious to do all in his power for the veterans. The Governor expressed himself as wanting the best in hospital care for the veterans and that he would do all in his power to expedite the building of the Soldiers Home and Hospital in Holyoke.

At this point the Governor was asked if the funds available were under the present appropriation sufficient to complete the project in Holyoke. He stated that he had been assured that these funds were sufficient but went on to say that if they were not he would personally go before the Legislature and ask that it appropriate the added funds needed.

As the Governor had pointed out in his reply to the veterans earlier plans called for a complete 200-bed hospital. The plans as drawn are such that when the need for domiciliary care arises beds may be set aside for domiciliary care. In other words, the needs of the

veterans will be adequately served whether they be for hospital or domiciliary care.

Along these same lines a ruling was requested on the authority of the board of trustees to limit admissions to the said Holyoke Soldiers Home and Hospital for hospital and domiciliary care to the veterans of western Massachusetts with the situation that if there were no applications pending from veterans of western Mass., the applications of veterans of eastern Mass. be accepted.

In the office of Attorney General Kelly it was disclosed that official advice from the Attorney General's office would be immediately available to the board of trustees upon their request for same.

Again the delegation was assured of the fullest cooperation of the present administration and they were given the fullest assurance of immediate action.

Recognition is hereby given to Attorney Samuel Blassberg for his efforts, said delegation members, for his efforts in facilitating this very satisfactory explanation of the Governor's stand on this matter.

The delegation expressed its appreciation to all who made it possible for its very satisfactory consultation with the Governor.

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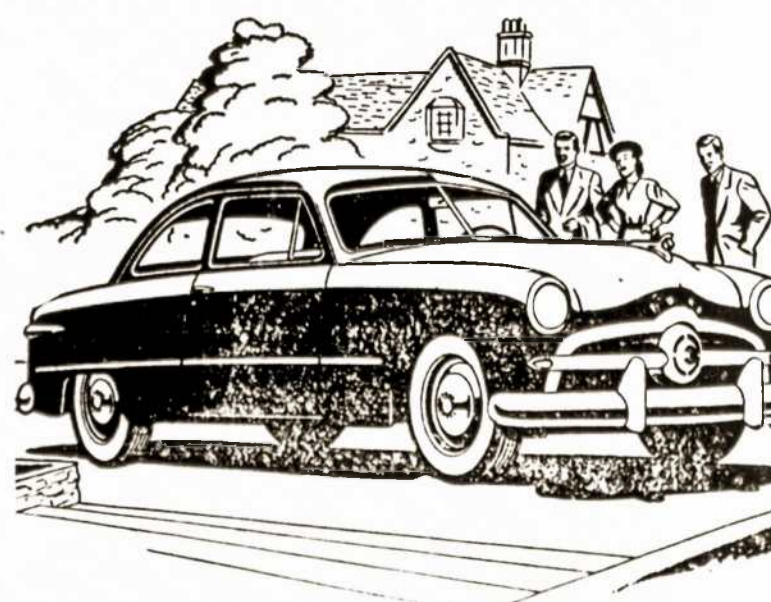
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## OVERHEARD

Talk about the menace of the November fly! Whoever heard of the January fly, buzzing around your doorway and watching his opportunity to get in? And yet he still persists, not only he, but she, worse luck, so we may expect a horde of flies in the early spring, if we don't get busy with the swatter.

While listening to the President's inauguration, it occurred to us that however stringently patriotic the Star Spangled Banner might be, as played by the band, how much more so it could be if within the vocal range of the average citizen and not simply delivered as a show piece by some well-known tenor or high soprano. The French can get up enthusiasm any time with their lusty singing, en masse of that grand national air, the Marseillaise.

What was the matter with "My Country 'Tis of Thee," that it had to be thrown into the discard and only dusted off occasionally? Now that we and the British are working shoulder to shoulder for world betterment, wouldn't it be appropriate to hear Dr. Samuel F. Smith's "America" more often, even if it has the same music as "God Save the King"? It is preeminently our national song and we can, on occasion, rise in a body and make the rafters ring with it. Long may it live!

Money is being spent like water around our capital city this week. Hope there'll be some left for "Lo, the poor Indian," who has been forced to tighten his belt lately.

## January Varieties Town Hall, Jan. 29

Contact the following captains if you wish to contribute fudge for the "January Varieties" in the town hall, Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. Mrs. George Leonard, chairman, Mrs. Marion Billings of Northfield Farms, Mrs. David Hammond, Mrs. Evelyn White, Mrs. Donald Hayes, Mrs. James Neigh, Mrs. Sidney Given, Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mrs. Waldo Hatchins, Mrs. Charles Repeta, of Lower Main street, Mrs. Leslie Martin of Maple street, Mrs. Howard Skinner of Warwick avenue, Mrs. Luman Barber of Upper Main street, and Mrs. E. Francis Lilly of West Northfield.

## New Trustees For Northfield Schools

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Northfield Schools, January 21, Mr. H. John Simmen, vice-president of the United States Trust Company of New York, and Mr. R. Inslee Clark of Spencer Trask & Company, were elected trustees.

Tentative plans have been announced for a Winter Sports Day Saturday, January 29, at Northfield School of New Haven, Conn., in take the place of the Winter Carnival usually held each year.

Sunday, January 30, guest speakers at the Northfield Schools will be Rev. Lawrence L. Durgin of the First Congregational Church in Norwich, N. Y., in Russell Sage Chapel at 11 a. m. and Dr. John C. Schroeder of the Yale Divinity School of New Haven, Conn., in Memorial Chapel at 10:30 a. m.

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## THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer - the name will not be used if you so desire.)

Claremont, California

January 13, 1949

Dear Editors of the Northfield Press:

Since several have wondered about the truth of the conditions in California, it occurs to me your interesting paper will be the best way to reach these inquirers. So here it is.

For years it has been a joke to hear Californians say earnestly "Oh this is unusual weather for California." This year old man weather has given them something real to consider. Southern California has suffered terribly from the low temperature which has jeopardized their promising citrus crop. When the temperature drops to 19 degrees which it did several nights, then something happens. While the growers did every thing within their power by the smudging processes, the result did not amount to much owing to a high ceiling. We the people of these regions after the smudging process or during it, resembled soft coal miners as they emerge from their day's work; still no one felt justified to make a single complaint, when consideration was given to the men and women who had worked so hard and long for the maturing of their citrus crops and saw them ruined in a few hours. However since the change in the weather, there is being expressed some hope of saving some of the fruit. Of course the joke is always some place to help out. Last night we learned there was dismay on the part of some, when they learned that Florida had sent a special orange spy to report on California's citrus condition. Approaching one of the big growers he was asked, "Are you going to let that Florida spy get away with his mission?" The grower replied with a twinkle in his eye, "Oh don't worry, we have a much finer spy right now over in Florida getting pointers for us."

Did I say something relative to a change of weather? Well it came with a vengeance. Snow, which is almost unknown in California, the southern part, except as it is seen on top of some of the highest mountains far away, began falling Sunday night, January 9th, kept it up for four days at intervals and it is still in evidence. Snow! which adults had not seen here since 1932 and then it was a mere trifle compared to the present fall. Many children had never seen snow. It was not surprising to have the teachers of the public schools report a very common question, as the children looked out the windows, "What's that coming down?" The leading Los Angeles paper carried several pages of pictures of snow bound traffic. Cars jammed on the roads for hours waiting for the ice to melt, so they could proceed. Mecca, California, which is 200 feet below sea level, had snow.

The mayor of Reno sent the mayor of Los Angeles a sled, saying by telegram: "Since California sent us earthquakes, we will send you something to help you use the snow, which we have sent you." Such wholesale joking about this "Unusual Phenomenon" in California by its neighbors, is making the Californians realize they have been doing a lot of bragging about their balmy winters. This year they have other thoughts coming.

Incidentally the letters coming from Northfield friends, telling of your mild autumn and winter, send me thinking seriously.

Yours still longing for warm weather,

Mary Andrews Connor.

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## JOUNEY TO EUROPE STORY AND SKETCHES

by  
Isabel Smith

When our friends say "tell us all about your trip last summer" (as they still do) I feel speechless. It is so difficult to put in a few words any sort of adequate impression of a two months' trip through thirteen countries. So I have jotted down some memories of two or three of those countries.

We disembarked from our plane in Geneva, Switzerland, as usual, was a glorious playground of the world; its mountains were as majestic and spirit-lifting as ever; its hostels bursting with exuberant hostellers; its food as delectable, abundant and expensive as in the states.

Rotschuo Youth Hostel, Headquarters of the Swiss hostellers, directed by the Swiss National Director and his wife, lies on Lake Lucerne. Here the mountains slip into the lake with incredible precipitousness. One can climb from the back door of the youth hostel straight up the mountain, or, on the other side, dive deep into the blue green lake. The main building of Rotschuo is an ancient one with

dark weathered beams and blue shutters. Life at the hostel offers a fascinating round for all who come within its shelter. Here we found groups of little school girls, boy scouts with their leaders, Catholic boys under the leadership of young priests, a seminar of European students from a dozen different countries meeting to discuss world problems at a sort of youth's peace table. Rotschuo epitomized the gaiety and activity of Switzerland, with a hope and friendliness that included the world.

It was a strange experience to cross the border from Switzerland to the French Zone of Germany. The road didn't change nor the sunshine, nor the leafy trees on either side of the boundary line — a wooden bar painted with stripes of black and orange like those of our country R. R. crossings.

The same blue sky arched over both sides, but the man-made things were different. Instead of neat and jolly dwellings, the destruction of towns and villages shocked us.



As our bicycles whirled along the road we found that laughter and gaiety, well fed people relaxing and mirth were behind us. Instead of young people with hobbled boots and rucksacks lustily riding a mountain trail, or a carefree group biking along the Avenstrasse, we discovered instead everyone engaged in constant and desperate effort. We found no man, woman or child playing or relaxing. Every back was bent, every muscle tense,

in a frantic struggle for bread. In meticulously cherished rows of young cabbages and carrots, onions and beans, youngsters hoe! with their elders. A tiny girl guided a rude ox-and-horse drawn cultivator along the furrows. Little boys gleaned in the wheat fields. Old people, backs bent under the hot sun seemed never to straighten for a moment's relaxation.

(To be Continued)

## VETERANS BULLETIN BOARD

### VA Benefits Available Outside

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a. U. S. Possessions and Territories: Ordinarily, all VA benefits available to World War II veterans and their dependents and beneficiaries in the continental United States are also available to them in the U. S. possessions and territories.

Certain exceptions are inevitable because of conditions peculiar to each case. For detailed information in any single case, check with the nearest VA office in the United States, or directly with the affected VA office in Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, the Panama Canal Zone, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

b. Foreign Countries: Most VA benefits are available to World War II veterans, their dependents and beneficiaries who are residing in

### foreign countries.

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The U. S. Foreign Service cooperates with VA in the administration of benefits available to veterans, their dependents or beneficiaries in foreign areas.

Any query originating in a foreign country should be directed to the nearest U. S. diplomatic or consular office in that country.

## WINTER Sports

### SKI REPORTS FROM PINE TOP

Could it be true a month has elapsed since the first and only report from PINE TOP? Yes, it not only could be true but is true. We had thought of entering such facetious reports as "Come pick spring flowers and enjoy the view while sitting on moss-covered rocks on our ski slopes". But that would have been like pouring salt on a wound. So we mournfully but patiently waited for the only savior for your wounds and ours — SNO W. When it finally did arrive late Friday night we weren't optimistic enough to broadcast the skiing possibility. However, by Saturday morning we felt we could invite skiers to "crank their motor and get their ski machine in action." Usually limbs, joints and muscles ache from too much skiing — this season it has been from lack of skiing.

Pelley Hill tow started operating Saturday morning — the slope had been packed and all went well until a bus load of attractive and enthusiastic skiers arrived from the Northfield School. This winter was made joyful by the look of happy anticipation on their faces as they passed the Blacksmith Shop. No doubt the long waiting period has been painful to the students — but perhaps even more so

to the instructors! Woe be it! Just at that time an axle sheared, and the tow came to a standstill. Mr. Racine said it pained him more to see the dejection of the girls than to return the fee check given him a minute before. The writer, upon inquiry, was told that the axle accident may have been due to stress, strain or fatigue. The definition of fatigue in this instance must be fatigue due to lack of motion.

Sunday morning found all mechanical devices in "ship shape" and what was even more surprising — an excellent snow condition on Pelley Hill. So, all day, until the weary skiers couldn't take it any longer, the tow performed perfectly. At least a foot of snow is necessary to making skiing possible on Tobey Slope.

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### Dental School Inaugurates Seated Position Technique

The 1948 graduates of Northwestern university's dental school (Chicago) are the first in the world trained in a special course which teaches dentists to operate in a seated position. Northwestern pioneered in the incorporation of this teaching principle in a regular dental curriculum.

Among the graduated dentists are more than 30 from 18 foreign countries who will introduce the new technique in dental schools and private practices in Europe, Asia and South and Central America.

Northwestern university instituted the seated operative procedure with the unanimous approval of the dental faculty. Such has been the national interest in the program that other institutions have expressed the possibility of adopting a similar course in their curricula in the future.

Dentists throughout the nation also have evinced great interest, and alumni of Northwestern's dental school were so convinced of the program's value that they contributed the funds to purchase 27 special stools now in use in the school in connection with the teaching principle, which extends from the laboratories through the clinics.

It is explained that the step was a necessary one, because the tax on dentists' health caused by hours of standing daily has caused many an abandonment or curtailment of practice much too early in dentists' careers.

### Sex Hormones May Reduce Swine Production Problems

Skilled use of sex hormones in hogs offers a possibility of bringing more pork to American dinner tables and of easing the multiple problems of swine production at the same time, according to a report in a national veterinary journal.

Dr. L. M. Hutchings of Purdue university, writing in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, said this hormone technique was developed by Professors H. H. Cole and E. H. Hughes of the University of California.

Injection of the hormone, equine gonadotropin, into sows after the fortieth day of lactation shortened as much as two to four weeks the period between successive farrowings, Dr. Hutchings stated.

In addition to shortening the farrowing season, use of the hormone would allow greater lifetime production per breeding animal—at least one extra litter per sow—provided farmers could adjust their feeding and management schedules to meet the stepped-up production program.

Effectiveness of the hormone is attributed to its marked stimulating action on the ovaries. In the hands of experts, it was over 95 per cent efficient in bringing about desired results, the writer said.

### When Young Men Went West

Our great Northwest is important as the place where organized United States government first reached the Pacific ocean. This happened 100 years ago—only 72 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. On August 14, 1848, President James Polk created Oregon territory, a mammoth province from which the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and parts of Wyoming and Montana were later carved. Ordinarily government reached the Oregon country by wagon. Hardly had serious-minded farmers and ranchers whipped their oxen over the trail of Oregon trail before they had set up a provisional government at Campwood, near Portland, Ore., in 1843. In one jump they projected the nation's frontier 2,000 miles westward.

### Milky Disease, Chemicals, Check to Japanese Beetle

Roughly a third of the people of the United States live in states in which the Japanese beetle is now a serious pest. Quarantine has slowed its advance, says the U. S. department of agriculture, but spread is likely to continue until another third of the people have unwillingly made its acquaintance.

At its worst the beetle is an important crop destroyer. The grub stage seriously injures the roots of grass, and the adult beetle feeds on many kinds of flowers, shrubs, and trees in home grounds, parks and pastures. Chemicals and the milky disease are used for control and protection.

Bacteria caused the milky disease which attacks and kills beetle grubs. Inside the bodies of diseased grubs, the bacteria form spores which live for a long time in the soil. Spores mixed with talc can be placed on the turf in recently established infestations. As an increasing number of grubs become infected and die, more spores are left to kill succeeding broods. This accounts for a decline in the beetles. Spore dust may be used at any season except when the soil is frozen.

Research by the bureau of entomology and plant quarantine showed how to manufacture spore dust. Standardized commercial dust supplies 200 million spores to a scant teaspoonful. Spot-planted, this dust gives relatively good protection to turf after a few seasons. The dust does not directly affect adult beetles, but no adults emerge from diseased grubs.

### U. S. Travelers Surprised At Holland's Orderliness

Americans who have returned from a visit to The Netherlands this past year have spoken with admiration and amazement of the country's physical and social aspects, which were utterly contrary to the conditions they had expected.

What excited their astonishment above all were the orderliness, the neatness and normalcy of daily life, both in the cities and rural areas. Coming from other war-ravaged European countries, so many of these travelers did, they found it hard to convince themselves that Holland had suffered more intensively from the war, that it had been the last country to be liberated, and that its postwar economic situation is beset with seemingly insuperable difficulties.

Strikes there have been and they still occur in Holland, but they have been sporadic and have not affected the greater majority of workers. Instead, there has been closer collaboration between management and labor than ever before in the history of the Dutch labor government.

### Latter Days of Jesse James

Life of Jesse James after his "death" makes the early days of this outlaw pale in comparison. After revealing his identity as the famed outlaw, "J. Frank Dalton" confided these adventures to a Chicago woman. After the shooting by which he was popularly believed killed, James toured Europe with a circus. Returning to the U. S. he moved to Indian territory and was appointed U. S. marshal. At one time he chased many of the gunmen with whom he had operated. He went to Brazil with a scientific expedition to study head hunters, fought with the Canadian army in France during World War I and put in a year hunting ivory in Africa. Later he entered a home for Confederate soldiers, still under the name of "Dalton."

### How Hybrid Corn is Produced

"Families" of corn seed were inbred for generations. Plants were made to fertilize themselves. This is comparatively simple with corn. Pollen from a plant is sprinkled on the tassels of the same plant. The plant is kept from mating with any other plant. After many generations of this inbreeding, two families of plants, entirely unrelated, are "mated" to each other. Pollen from plants of one family is sprinkled on the tassels of another. Results are startling. The new plants, called "true hybrids", produce far more corn on far fewer acres, and with less labor than ever has been possible before. Now a way has been found to do inbreeding successfully with an insect—the bee.

### Cities Need "Small Change"

Because of higher transit fares, several cities have had to get millions more small coins for "small change." Detroit has increased its street car fare from 10 to 13 cents; Chicago upped its street car fares from 10 to 11 cents, and its elevated fares from 12 to 13 cents. Transit fares have been increased in 44 of the nation's largest cities in the last two years.



In every part of the nation more than 2,200,000 boys and their adult leaders, will observe Boy Scout Week, Feb. 6th to 12th, marking the 39th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. The theme of the celebration is "Adventure—that's Scouting!" This year the movement is emphasizing the fun and fellowship its members get out of the game of Scouting. More high adventure is planned in the out-of-doors. Their adventure in citizenship will find Scouts emphasizing civic service activities, emergency service training and world Scouting relationships. During Boy Scout Week, Scouts, their parents and countless communities will honor the volunteer adult leaders of the nation's 70,000 Cub Packs, Scout Troops and Senior Units. Above is the official poster marking the Scout birthday.

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Because not everyone has an opportunity to read the reports in our annual Town Report, at least not before the town meeting, I feel it might be of interest to give a little review of the work of the library during the past year.

Mr. Unto Hantunen, editor of the Press, has been most generous in giving free space in his paper for the use of the library, in which I have listed new books as they appeared on our shelves and other items of interest.

Total circulation for books and periodicals for the year 1948, was 18,245; an increase of 304 over 1947. When one considers that during that period we were without the loan of books from the State Bookmobile for about 8 months. It is a substantial increase.

There are 826 resident registrations; 41 more than a year ago.

A total of 481 books were added, 281 by purchase; and 200 as gifts. Total number of volumes is now 12,293.

Ten magazines were purchased by the library last year, and gift subscriptions were received from the following persons: Mrs. Martin E. Vorce, Miss Mahel Shields, Mrs. Maud Montague, Mrs. Ann Cook, Miss Ina Merriman, Miss Mercy A.

Brann, Dr. Robert B. Jack and the Garden Club. We have received the first copy of the P. T. A. Bulletin, a gift of the local organization. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the club on the behalf of the library. It will be placed on the magazine table. The list of book donors will be found in the trustees report.

We have many requests for material for projects and school assignments of which no record is kept. The chief source of current material is periodicals. To aid in this work, extra shelves have been placed in the basement room and the magazines arranged for more efficient handling.

Nearly 7000 volumes have been fully catalogued; over 2000 in 1948. As I stated in my report, Miss Lucy Eveleth helped with this work during the summer. When available, we hope to have the new 60-tray catalogue case with standard, to replace the old style case now in use.

Gifts of books and magazines are always welcome.

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## Church CALENDAR

### TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister.  
Sunday, January 30,  
9:00 a. m. Junior Choir rehearsal.  
9:55 a. m. Church School.  
10:00 a. m. Young People's Forum and Men's Bible Class.

11:00 a. m. Public Worship.  
Sermon subject: "The Dividends of the Devine." Awarding of "Go-To-Church" Band" pins. Pre-school age children attended by Mrs. Ray Thompson.

6:30 p. m. Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People. William Barnes will lead the devotional service. Fifth in the annual series of meetings on "Personal Criticisms."

A baked stuffed pork chop supper will be served in the vestry on Thursday, February 10th. Adult tickets, 99 cents; children under ten 50 cents. Tickets will be on sale at the Bookstore and Aldrich's in Northfield and at Avery's in Northfield.

Members of the Pilgrim Fellowship of young people will conduct the Sunday morning worship service on February 13th.

Mr. Oscar Elwell, director of Camp Tekodah, will speak and show pictures on "Getting Along with Boys and Girls" at the February 13th meeting of the 20-45 Club.

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Sunday School, 11:54 a. m.  
Loyal Workers, 6:45 p. m.  
Praise Service, 7:30 p. m.

### UNITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. Richard G. Sechrist, Minister.  
Sunday, January 30,  
10:00 a. m. Sunday School.  
11:00 a. m. Service and Sermon.

### ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Henry J. McCormick, Pastor.  
Masses: First Sunday of Month, 8:30 a. m. All other Sundays, 10:30 a. m.

### FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor  
Sunday, January 30,  
10:30 a. m. Service and Sermon, "Prayer".  
11:30 a. m. Sunday School.  
7:00 p. m. Evening Service, prayer and Praise.  
Tuesday, February 1,  
Monthly meeting of W. M. S.  
Wednesday, February 2,  
Mid-week prayer service.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT... Records of the Massachusetts Division of Necessities of Life show that the same living necessities for which the average small-income family paid \$1,576.07 in the prewar years 1935-1939, in December, 1948 cost \$2,576.39. Of the \$1,017.32 increase in the total budget, food accounts for \$535.65, clothing \$145.17, shelter \$53.91, fuel and light \$114.31 and miscellaneous other items \$169.28. Dollar value of department store sales in Massachusetts in 1948 totaled 2 1/2% more than in 1947, the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston reports. Final official records of the November elections in Massachusetts show a total of 2,155,347 ballots cast, of which 43,201 did not vote for presidential electors, 56,097 did not vote for governor, 103,856 for lieutenant governor. There are at least 185 privately operated schools in Metropolitan Boston, offering some 4,000 different courses, mostly for evening students, as listed by the Prospect Union Educational exchange. More than 12,000 evening students are represented in the engineering courses along. Among the communities that will vote on the adoption of a zoning by-law at forthcoming town meetings are Georgetown, Stow, Shrewsbury, Somerset and Williamstown.

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### School Committee Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Northfield School Committee was held in the Center School on Saturday, January 22, 1949 at 10:00 a. m.

The request of Luman Barber that he be allowed to relinquish his contract for the transportation of pupils on the Gulf road route was granted. It was voted to advertise for bids for transportation of pupils on the Gulf road route.

The proposed meeting of elementary teachers at Northampton High School was enthusiastically endorsed.

The committee voted to be recorded as opposing the passage of bills H 437 and H 969 now pending before the present legislature. These bills would curtail the fiscal powers of the school committee and severely impede the progress of education in our town. It is hoped that every citizen will give these bills complete study and aid in the opposition to their progress.

A letter from Mr. Bernard Dirks, architect, was received expressing his interest in the Center School and desire to assist in improving its efficiency.

It was voted to amend Section 18 of the Rules and Regulations of the School Committee to read "The age of admission to the first grade shall be 5 years and 8 months (Six years January 1)". The clause providing for the testing of under-age pupils was struck out.

Plans for adding to the equipment of the Center School Playground were given much study.

### CENTER SCHOOL NEWS

Lunch room inspectors for Grade 1 (Mrs. Stearns) for the week are: Richard Miller, Richard Repeta, Ronald Whitney.

Lunchroom inspectors for Grade 2 (Mrs. Bolton) have been Kendall Browning, Warren Clough, and Joseph Berube.

There may have to be several substitutes because of illness in the operetta "The Three Little Pigs" to be given Saturday evening at the Town Hall.

Grade two (Mrs. Haack) has practically returned as a whole, since the inroads made upon it by measles, chicken-pox and mumps.

The monitors for the week are as follows: Lunchroom stewardess, Martha Jones; Blackboards, Sally Sheldon; Closets, Shirley Kelly and Patrick Orchanbo; Library, Francis Sobieski and Thomas Bartlett.

All pupils in Grade three, have now recovered from the recent epidemics of mumps, measles and chicken-pox, as they had perfect attendance on Wednesday, January 26th, for the first time since November 3rd.

Adriel Carpenter of grade four has returned to school after having measles.

The pupils whose papers were posted in the fourth grade room for excellence in writing are Rita Gibson, Judy Thompson, Frances Given and Alan Bolton.

The fourth grade boys have had perfect attendance for nine days this month.

Rehearsals were held at the town hall to acquaint the children with performing on the stage for the individual groups from Center school on Monday and Wednesday mornings, Thursday and a final rehearsal for the complete program on Friday. This week much of the time in our classrooms has been spent on practicing on the PTA Variety Show.

George Mello of grade 5 just received a letter from Rene Decorte, his pen pal in Camiers, Rene sent his picture to George and said he would like very much to have some American stamps.

The fifth grade has been studying Maryland and Washington, D. C. Rachel Parsons and Ronald Quinlan have posted on the bulletin

### Basketball SCOREBOARD

With Bilmon and Severance again leading the way Northfield High School squeaked by the Mount Hermon 1st Juniors by the score of 39 to 35 at the town hall last Wednesday.

Both coaches managed to get every man on their squad into the fray.

Summary:  
NORTHFIELD: W. Whitney, 0-1-1; Mello, 0-0-0; Kenny, 0-0-0; Bilmon, 8-3-19; Jurkowski, 2-0-4; Severance, 7-1-15; Parsons, 0-0-0; Allen, 0-0-0; R. Whitney, 0-0-0; Hutchins, 0-0-0; Morgan, 0-0-0; Totals 17-5-39.

MT. HERMON: Murray, 0-0-0; Bao, 1-1-3; Mundy, 1-0-2; Schwenk, 1-0-2; Simm, 0-1-1; Hucksbee, 0-0-0; Seale, 0-0-0; Clark, 2-0-4; Owen, 0-0-0; Holman, 1-0-2; Quinn, 0-0-0; Arnold, 0-0-0; Miller, 1-0-2; Siter, 0-0-0; Taylor, 1-1-3; Seidele, 3-0-6; Hutchinson, 1-0-2; Swanson, 1-0-2; Wragg, 1-2-4; Totals 15-5-35.

The "Old Timers", a basketball team, have paused long enough in their warm-up sessions to announce their membership: Joe Brown, Keith Jacobus, Donald Finch, Gordon Buffum, George Leonard, Harold McLean, White, George Marshall.

This team has challenged, or been challenged by the local high school team, for a game on February 8.

The "Old Timers" have had several tune-ups so far, and plan several more, prior to their official unveiling.

Feb. 8 will in any case make basketball history in the town hall, when the Old Timers take to the floor to do battle with their younger foe.

Northfield High School came up with an easy 30 to 19 win over Powers of Bernardston, with Bilmon and Severance leading the way. The girls were overpowered in the preliminary game 45 to 26.

Summary:  
NORTHFIELD — Bilmon, 11, 5-2-12; Kenny, 11, 0-0-0; W. Whitney, 11, 0-0-0; Miller, 11, 1-0-2; Severance, 11, 4-4-12; Morgan, 11, 0-0-0; Hutchins, 11, 1-0-2; Fisher, 11, 0-0-0; Parsons, 11, 1-0-2; A. Whitney, 11, 0-0-0; Allen, 11, 0-0-0; Totals, 12-6-30.

POWERS — Miller, 11, 2-0-4; Eastman, 11, 0-1-1; Deane, 11, 0-0-0; Allen, 11, 1-1-3; Atherton, 11, 2-1-5; Messer, 11, 2-0-4; Mooers, 11, 1-0-2; Grover, 11, 0-0-0; Totals 8-3-19.

Score by periods: 1 2 3 4  
Northfield ..... 8 6 8 30  
Powers ..... 6 2 5 19  
Referee—O'Bryan.

POWERS GIRLS—Hale, 11, 1-0-2; Forbes, 11, 1-0-2; LaValley, 11, 0-0-0; Gale, 11, 13-0-26; Hill, 11, 0-0-0; Shores, 11, 7-1-15; Damon, 11, 0-0-0; Phelps, 11, 0-0-0; Everett, 11, 0-0-0; E. Deane, 11, 0-0-0; Allen, 11, 0-0-0; M. Deane, 11, 0-0-0; Streeter, 11, 0-0-0; Totals, 22-1-45.

NORTHFIELD GIRLS — Mello, 11, 0-0-0; LaPlante, 11, 0-0-0; Hesilton, 11, 0-0-0; Carter, 11, 0-0-0; Randall, 11, 0-0-0; Browning, 11, 0-0-0; Allen, 11, 3-3-9; Whitney, 11, 5-1-11; Barber, 11, 0-0-0; Mankowski, 11, 1-0-2; Hartford, 11, 2-0-4; Totals, 11-4-26.

Score by periods: 1 2 3 4  
Powers Girls ..... 17 12 6 10-45  
Northfield Girls ..... 9 4 7 6-26  
Referee, Burrows.  
Time, 8-minute periods.

board their collection of pictures of Washington.

The sixth grade pupils who have this week received certificates for reading and reporting on five books are: Shirley Clough, Marvin Holloway, Sidney Walker, Richard Williams, Betty McIntire, Geraldine Durant, Charles Jones, Donald Williams, Ronald Zabko, Mary Ellen Barnes.

### Know Your Teachers Dorthy Totman

Dorothy Totman was born in Conway where part of her early life was spent. Later she moved to Greenfield and attended the public schools graduating from Greenfield High School in 1927. She graduated from Fitchburg Normal School in 1929, having acted as secretary of the Yearbook that year. She has had nineteen years of teaching experience including one year in Shelburne, and the remainder in Northfield; at Pine street, in East Northfield; at the old Center School, No. 3 School at the Upper Farms; and in the new Center School where she acted as assistant principal and fourth grade teacher. She has taken several University Extension courses since she started teaching.

In September 1947 Miss Totman became principal of the Center School when Mr. Leonard moved to the High School. Her duties as principal as well as fourth grade teacher find her more than busy most of the time. For five years she was treasurer of the lunch room and a member of the lunch room and curriculum committees.

While at No. 3, she guided her pupils in landscaping the schoolyard by planting trees and making flower gardens. She also did some 4-H work while there.

Miss Totman is a member of the Guiding Star Grange of Greenfield, the First Congregational Church of Greenfield, and the Northfield PTA.

Up to the present time her personal interests have been farming on a small scale and caring for animals for which she has a special fondness. Her interest in pigs led her to make a collection of over one hundred miniature pigs. Now with the aid of friends and neighbors every spare moment is devoted to building a small home for herself in Bernardston. Her father and mother spend the summers here, but reside in Florida during the winter.

Her summer activities have been many and varied; for two years she was playground teacher in Greenfield; for two years counselor and head counselor respectively at the Greenfield Health Camp and has assisted in the Gill Library. Several summers have been spent learning at first hand the geography of the Atlantic coast from Canada to Florida and she has also explored the country as far west as Sioux Falls, S. D. and back by a more southern route. Travel as well as graduate courses make a good teacher a better one.

### Local Legion Favors Hospital, Not Home

With the Holyoke Soldiers Home and Hospital "controversy" resounding the executive level of the state, the Haven H. Spencer Post of the American Legion want on record last Tuesday night favoring "a facility at Holyoke that will primarily be used as a hospital and not primarily a home."

Commander Ted Powell presided and appointed a number of committees: Oratorical Contest committee, Sidney Given, chairman, Edgar J. Livingston and Harold Briesmaster. Entertainment committee, Ed Luciw, Tom Hurley and Bill Urganiewicz.

Edward M. Powell, Sr., will address an assembly of local school students shortly on the Legion sponsored oratorical contest.

A business session and discussion followed.

### Town Topics

Mrs. Frank Smith, daughter of Mrs. W. R. Moody, was here visiting her mother. Mrs. Smith attended the inauguration of President Truman.

Miss Betty Taylor, daughter of former superintendent of schools and Mrs. Robert N. Taylor was home recently from Syracuse University.

More than 30 ladies were present at the Northfield for luncheon and bridge, given in honor of Mrs. Robert N. Taylor.

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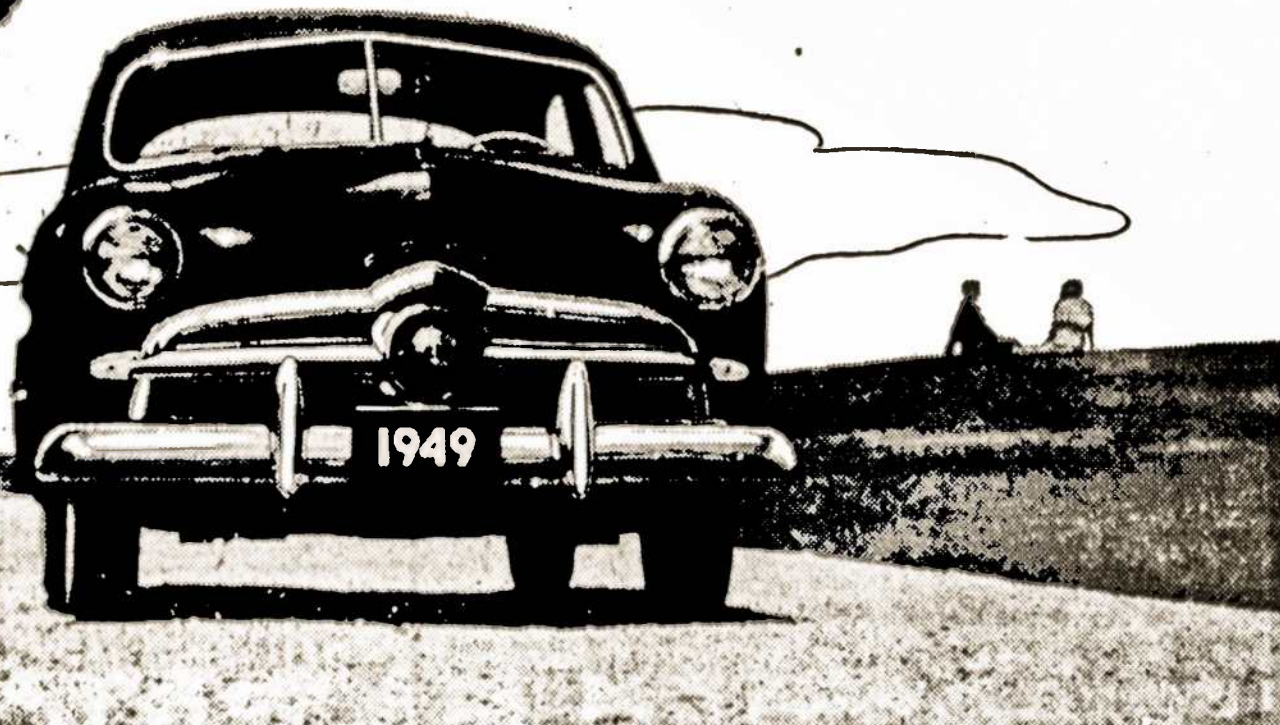
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